IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

FRIENDS OF ALASKA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES, et al,

Plaintiff(s),

VS.

RYAN ZINKE, et al,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 3:18-cv-00029-TMB

ORDER RE MOTION TO DISMISS

This matter having recently come before this Court,

IT IS ORDERED that a motion pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b) is discouraged if the defect can be cured by filing an amended pleading. Therefore, the parties must meet and confer prior to the filing of a motion to dismiss to determine whether it can be avoided. Consequently, motions to dismiss must be accompanied by a notice of certification of conferral indicating that the parties have conferred to determine whether an amendment could cure a deficient pleading, and have been unable to agree that the pleading is curable by a permissible amendment. Motions to dismiss that do not contain the required certification are subject to being stricken on the Court's motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff(s) serve a copy of this Order upon any Defendant(s) that has not yet appeared and file notice of such service.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2018.

/s/ TIMOTHY M. BURGESS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE